Implementation of RGGVY in Bihar

†*151. SHRI ALI ANWAR ANSARI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the allocation made to various districts of Bihar under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY);

(b) whether the progress of this scheme has been satisfactory in different districts of the State;

(c) if not, the efforts being made to complete the same within the stipulated time by making available the required funds;

(d) whether many villages/panchayats in Buxar district are still deprived Of electrification; and

(e) by when this scheme will be implemented in all villages of Buxar district?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) There is no state-wise/district-wise upfront allocation of funds under Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY). However, district-wise details of sanctioned cost for the projects under RGGVY in Bihar, is at the given Statement (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The progress of RGGVY has been affected due to the following reasons:—

(i) Delay in receipt of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs).

(ii) Delays in land acquisition for 33/11 KV sub-stations by the State.

(iii) Limited number of good agencies available for execution of turnkey contracts.

(iv) Delays in issuance of road permit and way bills.

(v) Lack of awareness among villagers for taking new connections.

(vi) Very poor upstream rural electricity infrastructure.

(vii) Delay in finalization of BPL lists.

(viii) Delay in taking decision regarding waiver/re-imbursement of State and Local Taxes on RGGVY materials.

(ix) Theft of conductors.

(x) Law and order problem including Maoist Violence.

For effective implementation of RGGVY, the following steps have been taken:—

(i) Government of India has set up an inter-Ministerial Monitoring Committee which periodically meets to sanction projects and review progress of implementation.

(ii) States have been advised to set up district committees to monitor the progress

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of rural electrification works. All the States Have notified formation of district committees.

(iii) The States have also been requested by Hon'ble Minister of Power to hold monthly meeting under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to resolve the bottlenecks in implementation of RGGVY.

(iv) The Government of India as also Rural Electrification Corporation (REC), the nodal agency for RGGVY, conducts frequent review meetings with all the stakeholders; the concerned State Governments, State power utilities and implementing agencies for expeditious implementation of the scheme as per the agreed schedules.

(v) For speedier and effective implementation of projects, their execution has been taken up on turnkey basis.

(vi) To ensure qualitative execution of rural electrification works, a three tier quality control mechanism has been enforced under RGGVY for Eleventh Plan projects.

(vii) Grant amount of BPL connection has been enhanced to Rs. 2200/- in Eleventh Plan from Rs. 1500/- in Tenth Plan.

(viii) To take care of the cost escalation, cost norms for village electrification has been revised upward for the Eleventh Plan projects, as given below:—

Cost norms for village electrification

Electrification of un-electrified village		Cost (Rs. in lakhs)
a.	In normal terrain	13
b.	In hilly, tribal, desert areas	18

(d) and (e) In district Buxar 516 inhabited un/de-electrified villages have been covered for electrification under RGGVY and the sanctioned works are likely to be completed by the end of December, 2009.

Statement

District-wise details of sanctioned cost for projects under RGGVY in Bihar

Sl. No.	Name of Districts	Total Cost of Project (Rs. in lakh)
1	2	3
Sanctioned during Tenth Plan		
1.	Araria	6253.60
2.	Aurangabad	10932.67
3.	Banka	10629.38

1	2	3
4.	Bhagalpur	6066.24
5.	Buxar	4384.42
6.	Darbanga	3230.87
7.	East Champaran	5882.60
8.	Gopalganj	6700.35
9.	Jamui	8538.11
10.	Kaimur	4411.33
11.	Kishanganj	5280.52
12.	Lakhisarai	1688.28
13.	Madhubani	2963.80
14.	Munger	2030.02
15.	Patna	5121.59
16.	Purnia	5235.25
17.	Rohtas	7996.70
18.	Saran	8284.48
19.	Sheohar	1083.85
20.	Sitamarhi	2701.58
21.	Siwan	7131.06
22.	Bhojpur	5206.99
23.	Nawada	5579.78
24.	Gaya (North)	8730.08
25.	Gaya (South)	7864.02
26.	Nalanda	5652.92
Sanctioned during Eleventh plan		
1.	Jahanabad and Arwal (2 districts)	4839.13
2.	Supaul	8163.40
3.	Samastipur	9952.15
4.	Sheikhpura	2932.77
5.	Madhepura	5202.61
6.	Khagaria	2870.33

1	2	3
7.	Saharsa	5690.26
8.	Katihar	18720.95
9.	Begusarai	8119.53
10.	Muzzaffarpur	17880.62
11.	Vaishali	13539.33
12.	Dharbangha (sup)	8429.48
13.	Sitamarhi(sup)	7552.63
14.	East Champaran (sup)	7229.74
15.	Seohar(sup)	1647.15
16.	Madhubani (sup)	8702.30
17.	West Champaran	16536.81
	GRAND TOTAL:	297589.67

'Green India' Mission

†*152. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the States alongwith the number of reserved forests, degraded forests, panchayat and community forests wherein green areas has increased during the last five years under the 'Green India' Mission;

(b) the number of forests where forest cover has diminished due to tree felling contract and illegal logging during the above period;

(c) whether forest cover is reducing instead of increasing due to environmental imbalance;

(d) whether indigenous species of plants are also becoming extinct due to unscientific use of foreign plants; and

(e) whether Government will formulate a programme for development of local indigenous plants after review of this Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) National Mission for a 'Green India' announced under National Action Plan on Climate Change has not been formulated. Therefore, increase in green areas under the Mission does not arise.

(b) No separate assessment has been undertaken to ascertain the decrease in forest cover due to tree felling contract and illegal logging.

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